

STATE RETAIL MERCHANTS RE-ELECT SAMUEL COHEN

Richmond Man Is Unanimous Choice
for President of Virginia
Association.

ANNUAL CONVENTION ENDS

After Discussion of Questions of Tax-
ation and Legislation, Norfolk Is
Named as Next Meeting Place.

Samuel Cohen was yesterday afternoon re-elected for the third time as president of the Retail Merchants Association of Virginia, and M. M. Ramsey, of Roanoke, was elected first vice-president. On the report of a nominating committee the other officers were also re-elected, as follows: R. E. Knight, second vice-president; I. H. Kahan, Richmond, treasurer, and W. A. Clarke, Jr., Richmond, secretary.

Mr. Cohen, who has long been active in both the Richmond and State associations, was nominated by D. B. Ryland, of Lynchburg, and amid tremendous applause, the nomination was seconded and a motion was made to close the nominations and to make the election of the incumbent unanimous. The motion carried, and the secretary of the association cast the entire ballot for Mr. Cohen.

Mr. Cohen stated that he had not intended to stand for re-election, as he has so many varied duties to attend to; but that he would accept because of the unanimous feeling that he should again take the presidency.

The question of taxation of retail merchants came up again for discussion yesterday morning, and much debate, a resolution in favor of the abolition of the entire license tax or a permanent board be created to settle the tax dispute was adopted.

COMMITTEE WILL APPEAR
BEFORE TAX COMMISSION
The resolution follows:
"Whereas, the tax question is now one of the most important before the State, and

"Whereas, we believe that the merchants of the State are bearing an undue portion of the tax burden of the State, therefore,

"Be it resolved, That the president of this association appoint a committee of seven, and that this committee, upon invitation, appear before the State Tax Commission and shall lay before them a schedule of the manifold taxes imposed upon the merchants of the State, and pray for relief."

"Resolved, further, That, should opportunity present itself, that the said committee shall request the entire tax on commerce and manufacture be abolished, or that a permanent board of tax equalization be created to settle tax disputes, or such other methods of relief as may seem best to them."

The association passed many other resolutions bearing upon better conditions for the retail merchants, among which were that the association favor, but defers for further action, a law against false and night advertising and misleading advertising, a resolution for the improvement of conditions as to good roads and rural schools, and a resolution asking that a law be successfully passed for the protection and betterment of rural conditions, a resolution requesting the United States government to extend its regulations concerning employees paying their just accounts so as to include all employees of the government, State, county and municipality; a resolution asking for the reduction of the rate of interest on loans made by banks of manufacture, and a resolution asking that manufacturers of dress patterns do not accept mail-order advertisements; a resolution urging the representative of the United States Senate and Congress to exert their efforts in behalf of having the proposed dry dock located at Norfolk.

The long paper closed with expression of thanks to President Cohen, Secretary Clarke and to the Merchants' Journal and Commerce for their work in behalf of the association, and to the press.

MEMBER SECRETARIES
FORM ASSOCIATION
An organization of the secretaries of the member associations was effected, and the following members were elected: president, W. S. Jones, Roanoke; vice-president, A. Clark, Jr., Richmond; secretary, Paul T. Willis, of Lynchburg.

M. Umstadter, of Norfolk, presented the invitation of that city that the annual convention be held there, and it was unanimously accepted. The next convention is to last three days, and must be held before June 1, 1915.

After adoption of resolutions and election of officers the convention adjourned, and the visitors were last night the guests of the local association at a theatre party given at the Colonial Theatre.

The following district vice-presidents were elected: first, H. R. Booker, Hampton; second, A. B. Jarvis, Portsmouth; third, T. A. M. Richmond; fourth, Edward Eitzenbrun, Petersburg; fifth, J. P. Hunt, Chatham; six, E. R. Chick, Roanoke; seventh, J. W. Spier, Staunton; eighth, Harry Hammond, Alexandria; ninth, W. W. W. Stadt, Bristol; tenth, R. K. Anderson, Nelson County.

The following members were elected to the board of directors: L. O. Miller, Raleigh; N. C. May, 21.—Opinions were handed down by the Supreme Court yesterday as follows:

Drainage Commissioners vs. Home and Farm Association, from Washington, affirmed.

Sprague vs. School Commissioners, from Wake, reversed.

Rhodes vs. City of Durham, defendant's appeal affirmed, plaintiff's appeal dismissed.

Bond vs. Picket Cotton Mills, from Guilford, affirmed.

Charlotte and Southport Railway Company vs. Mecklenburg Manufacturing Company, defendant's appeal, no error; plaintiff's appeal, error.

Causey vs. Seaboard Air Line Railway, from Raleigh, no error.

Uwarr Mining Company vs. Candor Mines, from Montgomery, affirmed.

State vs. Johnson, from Avery, new trial.

Fisher vs. Foxaway Company, from Zionsville, affirmed.

Myers vs. Norfolk and Western Railway, from Wilkes, no error.

Hooper vs. Hooper, from Henderson, new trial.

Wallace vs. Barlow, from Wilkes, no error.

State vs. Shaw, from Buncombe, no error.

Lance vs. Russell, from Buncombe, modified and affirmed with costs against plaintiff.

Wynn vs. Grant, from Buncombe, no error.

Myers vs. City of Asheville, affirmed.

Schus vs. Life Assurance Society, from Buncombe, new trial.

Bell vs. Vance, from Buncombe, no error.

MEMORIAL HOSPITAL NURSES TO GRADUATE

Large Class to Receive Diplomas
After Successful Completion
of Course.

HAVE WORKED IN TWO HOSPITALS

Plans Are Being Laid for Social Service Work on a Much Bigger Scale Than Heretofore.

Commencement at the Memorial Hospital Training School for Nurses begins on Sunday with the baccalaureate sermon and concludes four days later with the delivery of diplomas and badges to twenty-four new graduates who have completed the three-year course of preparation.

The sermon will be delivered at the Seventh Street Christian Church at the evening service by the pastor, Rev. H. D. C. MacLachlan, D. D. The nurses will attend in a body, and special seats will be reserved for their friends and for members of the faculty of the Medical College of Virginia, with which the hospital is affiliated. The final exercises will be held on Thursday, May 28, at the John Marshall High School building. The program is somewhat more elaborate than usual, but one of the pretty features of the commencement will be lacking this year. The class of '14 has inexorably decreed that there shall be no flowers, and accompanying each invitation is an announcement to this effect. The address will be delivered by Dr. Allen W. Freeman, of the State Health Department. Dr. George Ben Johnston will describe the new extension work being undertaken by the hospital. The diplomas will be awarded by Dr. S. C. Mitchell, president of the college, and the badges presented by Dr. Roshier W. Miller. The prayer and benediction will be pronounced by Rev. J. V. Fair, D. D., of Westminster Presbyterian Church. Following the exercises a reception will be given at the nurses' home, 1223 East Marshall Street.

LIST OF NURSES WHO WILL RECEIVE DIPLOMAS
The following will receive diplomas: Josephine Copenhaver, Marion, Va.; Eugenia Doyle, Valley Center, Va.; Emma E. Bean, Fallston, Md.; Effie Brice Riggs, Alderson, W. Va.; Lucy Anne Oliver, Turkeyville, Va.; Elizabeth Wylie Allen, Clover, Va.; Sallie Lee Coleman, Schuyler, Va.; Ruby Virginia Parrish, Richmond, Va.; Nora Spencer Hamner, Schuyler, Va.; Mary Lillian Hudgins, Ronceverte, W. Va.; Evelyn Elizabeth Cook, Brunswick, Ga.; Inez Alexander, Fredericksburg, Va.; Jessie Roberts MacLean, Greensboro, N. C.; Mary Thomas Brand, Buchanan, Va.; Isabelle Marie Schofield, Newport News, Va.; Virginia Lee Mullins, Ferrum, Va.; Claudia Louise Moore, Roanoke, Va.; Anne Rooney Cropper, Stormont, Va.; Roberta Walker Flanagan, Charlottesville, Va.; Virginia Lee, Richmond, Va.; M. Boone Fletcher, Richmond, Va.; Lillian Florence Anderson, Newport News, Va.; Olivia Montague Driscoll, Richmond, Va.; Marie Catherine Early, Richmond, Va.

The Memorial commencement this year is of particular interest. When the college consolidation was effected a year ago a hospital consolidation simultaneously occurred with the result that the Virginia was closed and all clinical work concentrated at the Memorial. The class of '14 is made up of the one-time rivals of both the old schools.

This year the Memorial has a whole-hearted enthusiasm for the new dispensation, and no less among the nurses than among the students has the year marked a spirit of co-operation absolutely without reference to the old dividing lines. The class has done excellent work in all the courses, and is in every way one of the best ever graduated from Richmond.

GREAT EXTENSION OF TRAINING SCHOOL WORK
Furthermore, the past year has represented a notable extension of training school work. Not only is the Memorial Hospital, under the leadership of its capable superintendent, Miss Agnes Randolph, beginning to reach forth to the field of social service, but with the assistance and guidance of the college faculty the sphere of influence of the institution is being greatly enlarged in the sense that it is becoming a sort of center of training for the whole city.

The teaching courses have been greatly elaborated. Additions have been made to the teaching staff, and, with the privilege of using at will all the facilities offered by the big college, the work has been put upon a sounder basis than ever before. To these courses undergraduate nurses from every hospital in the city have been invited with the idea of ultimately developing a great central training school revolving around the college. Such nurses, other than those at the Memorial, as attend the courses regularly and stand the prescribed examinations will receive certificates just as do those who give up the diploma. In addition to awarding diplomas to its own graduates, will present certificates for special work to the graduates of two other institutions—the Sheltering Arms Hospital and the Virginia Hospital, now conducted by the city. The nurses who will receive these certificates are: Misses Annie Lee Wood, Mattie Elizabeth Campbell, Hallie Garrett Thomasson, Julia Stannard Randolph and Elizabeth Ann Gregory, of the Sheltering Arms.

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BURLESON'S AID SOUGHT IN NINTH DISTRICT

Stuart Appeals for Distribution of
Patronage to Strengthen R.
Tate Irvine.

HOPES TO OUST REPUBLICANS

Governor Anxious to Strengthen Candidacy of Democratic Candidate, and
Writes Postmaster-General.

Governor Stuart, in a strong and urgent letter made public yesterday, recently made an appeal to Postmaster-General Burleson for an intelligent and equitable distribution of patronage in the Ninth District at once, in order to strengthen the arm of the Democratic candidate for Congress, R. Tate Irvine, in his approaching fight to wrest the district from the Republicans.

The Governor, as a solution of the patronage muddle in the district, declares that the only method of distributing the patronage is by following the wishes of the Democratic patrons of the presidential post-offices. Without going into the details he gives his belief that the majority rule should be applied in the Ninth and calls upon Secretary Burleson for suggestions.

The text of his letter follows: Hon. A. S. Burleson, Postmaster-General, Washington, D. C.:

My Dear Mr. Secretary: Pursuant to the suggestion you were kind enough to make in the course of a recent conference between us, I met, by appointment, the Hon. R. Tate Irvine, Democratic nominee in the Ninth District of Virginia, and presented him, as best I could, the substance of what passed between us. He is fully alive to the urgent importance of a prompt distribution of the Federal patronage in his district, and feels, as I do, that if this can be done in an intelligent and well-considered manner he should be elected by a handsome majority.

He is in full accord with the view that the presidential postmasterships should be given to those Democrats who are most acceptable to the Democratic patrons of the post-offices. He served, and would be glad if the distribution could be made on that basis. I am of opinion that the difficulties which confront the Democracy of our district in the pending campaign would be relieved by such a solution.

The only question is as to the details of the methods necessary to ascertain the wishes of the Democratic patrons of the offices, and it is as to this that we will have to look to you for suggestions or directions.

It is perfectly manifest that the conditions now existing in the Ninth District afford as good a field for application of the principle of majority rule as any of the districts in which this principle has been successfully tested.

There can be no doubt of the fact that there is now before us a great opportunity for the redemption of our district from a long tradition of Republicanism. We are now in the midst of 200 votes of electing our nominee four years ago, with all the Federal patronage, not only of the district of the district, but of the State, in our hands.

Republican candidate in whose hands this great power had been concentrated for the purposes of that contest. Stripped of the resources and inducements then at his command, we, the Democrats with the prestige of the Democratic victory of 1912 and with the inspiration that has come to us all from a magnificent administration of our national affairs, should find this man but a pitiful antagonist in a contest, the natural advantages of which had been so far shifted from his hands into ours.

Considering the struggles that have been made by the Democrats of the district, and they are facing the present situation, I feel and venture to say, that we are not asking too much of you to give the prestige of your office, and, at the same time, a most kindly ear to our petition and our hopes.

Assuring you of our readiness to carry out faithfully, vigorously and promptly any concrete suggestions you will be kind enough to make to us, and thanking you in advance for your offices, I am,

Very sincerely yours,
(Signed) H. C. STUART.

Child Turned to Death.
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
Schuyler, Va., May 21.—Hobbs, the two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Dudley, of this place, was burned to death at their home here yesterday. His mother was about her house work. The little boy got a box of matches and struck one, which set fire to his clothes.

Men Pay Homage to Mother's Friend
"I am not surprised to observe the number of men who come into the store to purchase 'Mother's Friend'."

It is a happy thought to send a husband to the drug store to purchase "Mother's Friend" is applied externally over the abdominal muscles.

It is a soothing lubricant, penetrates to the finest work of nerves beneath the skin and has a marked tendency to relieve the muscular strain to which these broad, flat abdominal muscles are subjected. The cords, tendons and ligaments are thus permitted to stretch without the corresponding surface strain so often involved during the performance of the most ordinary work of expectation. This in part accounts for the entire absence, in many cases reported, of nausea, morning sickness and other distresses, such as irritation of the epidermis so often the case when this gentle form of lubrication is neglected.

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Change in Schedule
Chesapeake and Ohio Railway.
Effective Sunday, May 24, train will leave Richmond for Norfolk and Old Point Comfort at 12:30 P. M. instead of 12 noon.

Local Train No. 19 will leave Richmond at 7:40 A. M. daily for Charlottesville, and daily except Sunday for Thurmond, instead of 7:45 A. M. daily except Sunday.

Local Train No. 20 will leave Richmond at 5:15 P. M. daily except Sunday, running to Gordonsville only.

James River train will leave Richmond at 9:15 A. M. daily, instead of 9:30 A. M., afternoon train leaving Richmond at 5:15 P. M. daily except Sunday, running through Lynchburg, carrying sleeper Richmond to Lynchburg, and local Richmond to Clifton Forge.

Through train from Richmond and Old Point will arrive Richmond at 2 P. M. daily instead of 2:05 P. M., local trains from East arriving Richmond 10:15 A. M. and 8:10 P. M. Through train from West will arrive Richmond 12:30 P. M. daily instead of 11:55 A. M., morning local from Charlottesville arriving Richmond 10 A. M. and evening local 7:40 P. M.

James River trains will arrive Richmond at 8:35 A. M. daily, except Sunday and 6 P. M. daily, former carrying through sleeper from Clifton Forge, Natural Bridge and Newburg.

No change in other trains.

BIGGEST SHIP AFLOAT RUNS WILD IN RIVER

Navigation Stands Still While Fleet of
Tugs Brings the Venterland
to Dock.

New York, May 21.—Navigation in the North River between lower New York and Hoboken stood still to-day, while the Venterland, biggest ship afloat, defied all efforts to dock her and swept broadside down the stream for more than a mile.

When the liner arrived at her pier, after her maiden voyage, her great length and a strong ebb tide proved too strong a combination for the fleet of willing little tugs that urged her toward her berth.

For more than three hours the tugs pulled and hauled at the gigantic liner without success. Once she was almost ready to tie up when the tide gripped her and dragged her out of the slip. Berybouts and small craft scurried to safety as the levathan floated broadside down the river, with twenty tugs circling frantically around. She floated a mile before the tugs got her straightened out and then she returned under her own steam.

No Signs of Alarm.
Three thousand persons aboard, impatient to land, watched the maneuvers without showing any alarm, although there were moments when the steamer narrowly missed crumpling the head of a pier, thousands watched the struggle from the skyscrapers facing the river.

Twice the Venterland's great draft made her scrape bottom.

While the tugboat was in progress ferry schedules were suspended, and the Atlantic liner Barbrossa was penned in her slip, unable to go to sea. The Venterland, 550 feet long, dominated the river. The fourth attempt to dock the ship proved successful.

The Venterland's port yesterday was 24 miles and her average speed an hour was 22.9 knots. The Venterland was launched on April 3, 1913. She is 550 feet in length, 100 feet beam, and has a tonnage of 58,000. She carries one hundred and four captains, and a total crew of 1,254.

OFFICERS ARE ELECTED
BY GOOCHLAND CHAPTER
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
Lorraine, Va., May 21.—The Goochland Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, held a meeting on Wednesday, at Goochland Courthouse, for the election of officers and to arrange the details of a banquet which they propose giving on Jefferson Davis's birthday, Wednesday, June 3, at the Courthouse.

After the transaction of some routine business, the following officers were elected to serve during the ensuing year: President, Mrs. Bradley C. Johnson, Vinton; first vice-president, Mrs. Howard Lawrence Shays, second vice-president, Mrs. Cannon Hobson, Pemberton; third vice-president, Mrs. John Massie, Perkinsville; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Thomas Hokes, Elk Hill; recording secretary and registrar, Mrs. T. A. Wickham, Lorraine.

The president announced that Governor Stuart would be present at the courthouse on June 3, when he will make an address and also present crosses of honor to several veterans of the county.

Try Skin Absorption Instead of Cosmetics
The constant use of rouge and powder invites a coarsened, roughened condition of the skin, eruptions, enlarged pores and wrinkles. If you've learned this from experience, suppose you quit cosmetics and try the following:

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Supreme Court
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